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Nurse physician work-related relationship as perceived by both of them

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Nursing and Medicine are among the few disciplines that work closely and complement each other. They share a common commitment to patient well-being. However, a common type of conflict in health agencies is the physician–nurse conflict that is caused by a lack of daily interaction between nurse and physician and a lack of understanding of each other's role. Hence, the basic to a good relationship between doctors and nurses is the clear understanding of the nurse's role, which is ambiguous, compared with the physician's role. The aim of this study was to explore the nurse-physician relation, as perceived by both of them. Methodology: A descriptive correlational research design was utilized. Sample: A convenience sample of the study included all nurses and physicians who had a minimum of 1 year of experience. Setting: The study was conducted in Damanhur National Medical Institute. Tool: Data were collected by a questionnaire developed by the researcher on the basis of relevant literature. Results: The main results of the study showed that physicians are more satisfied than nurses with their relationship. The nurse–doctor relationship was characterized by cooperation. However, nurses had a feeling of inequity with physicians, especially in the disciplinary actions. Recommendation: Improve the relationship between doctors and nurses staff with adequate authority to implement the hospital policies.

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